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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001 ENTERED Office of Proceedings

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Re:

Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 394X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Powers Lake and Grenora, North Dakota

Dear Secretary Williams:

On June 11, 2002, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of 60.51 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 26.59 in Powers Lake, Burke County, North Dakota and railroad milepost 87.10 in Grenora, Williams County, North Dakota. The line traverses through United States Postal ZIP Codes 58845, 58856, 58830, 58795, 58755, and 58773. This letter is to advise you that abandonment of the subject line will be consummated on November 30, 2003.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (817) 352-2354 or Sarah Bailiff@BNSF.com.

Sincerely,

Sarah Whitley Bailiff

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cc: North Dakota PSC

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